

**ADVISORY BOARD ON RESPIRATORY CARE**

**Minutes**

**February 5, 2008**

The Advisory Board on Respiratory Care met on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brian Walsh, RRT, Chair  
Milagritos L. Flinn  
Stan Holland, ~~RT~~ RRT  
Brian Wilson, ~~RRT~~ CRT  
John Osborn, MD

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director  
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst  
LaFonda Parham, Licensing Specialist

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Nettie Cuervo, Memorial Regional Medical Center

**CALL TO ORDER**

Brian Walsh called the meeting to order.

Let it be noted that Mr. Walsh announced the Emergency Evacuation Instructions prior to the meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2007 & OCTOBER 2, 2007**

Brian Wilson moved to approve the minutes dated June 2, 2007 and October 2, 2007. The motion was seconded and carried.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Brian Walsh moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Nettie Cuervo, Memorial Regional Medical Center, addressed her concerns regarding the scope of practice for CPFT's and RPFT's. She wanted clarification to make sure they were in compliance.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **#1. Report of 2008 General Assembly as of 1/28/08**

Ms. Yeatts reviewed and explained the Report of the 2008 General Assembly as of 1/28/08.

### **#2. Polysomnography**

Dr. Harp provided VA code sections 54.1-2900 and 54.1-2901 for review. The Advisory Board recommended the Board of Medicine to request the Board of Health Professions to study polysomnography and determine whether or not sleep technicians fall under the practice of respiratory care and/or the possibility of creating a limited pathway or license.

### **#3. Discussion – NBRC credentials professions not covered by VA licenses**

The Advisory Board discussed NBRC credentialed professions, CPFT and RPFT, under the Virginia respiratory care license. After a lengthy discussion, Ms. Cuervo was directed to seek hospital counsel regarding this issue.

### **#4. Election of Officers**

Brian Walsh moved to elect Brian Wilson as Chair. The motion was seconded and carried. Brian Wilson moved to elect Brian Walsh as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and carried.

### **#5. 2008 Board Meeting and Informal Conference Dates**

The Advisory Board reviewed the dates of the 2008 Board Meeting and the Informal Conferences.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Brian Walsh inquired about reporting felonies to the Board.

He also suggested a survey with the next renewal to collect certain information. It was recommended to include this as an agenda item for the June Advisory Board meeting, and to possibly have a representative from the Department's Data Division attend.

## **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

June 3, 2008

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Brian Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting of the Advisory Board. The motion was seconded and carried.

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Brian Walsh, RRT Chair

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William L. Harp, M.D.  
Executive Director

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LaFonda Parham, Licensing Specialist